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ARABS ATTACK POLICE DEPOT

Coldstream Guard Fight 30-Minute Battle

The Wangs Weren't A Loving Lot

Peiping, Dec. 14.
Nobody seemed very fond of anyone else in the Wang family.
Sister Lien Hsiang, a middle school student, was not liked by the mother and resented it. So she had her mother arrested as an opium smoker—a crime punishable by death.
Older sister Yu Hsiang, a Catholic University student, did not like her brother's young wife. So she publicly accused her of adultery.
The wife, Liu Shu-yuan, decided she did not like any of them. So yesterday she killed both sisters with an axe and hung herself.
She left a letter to her husband saying she planned to axe him too—only he was not home.
He never did like home much, he later told the police. — United Press.

Bus Strike Is Still Deadlocked

The bus strike on the Island entered its fourth day yesterday without either side making any move to effect a settlement.

It is understood that the Labour Officer, Mr. B. C. K. Hawkins, has, with a view to an early settlement of the strike, invited the Chairman of the Motor Car Drivers Association, Mr. Lai Wah-hin, and four representatives of the strikers, to a conference at his office this morning.

A report on the events leading up to the strike was made last night at a mass meeting of strikers, held at the Kowloon Branch of the Motor Car Drivers Association in Bute Street.

PRESS CENSORSHIP AT HAVANA TRADE TALKS

Havana, Dec. 14.
The International Trade Conference ruled today that Press coverage of sub-committee meetings henceforth will be limited to communications prepared by the United Nations Information Department previously censored by the chairman of the group involved.

The decision of the conference's General Committee dealt a blow to the defenders of unrestricted Press coverage—the United States and India.
Opposed to full Press coverage were Britain, Norway, Australia, France, New Zealand, Switzerland and China.

United States' Clair Wilcox stated that some delegation seemingly approved of a "complete news blackout."
Mr. Wilcox spoke after Mr. Walter Nash, New Zealand, had said he would be "perfectly satisfied" if there was a press coverage at all "for the next two months."

Opposition.
The opposition speakers, led by Britain, argued that the conference was bound by the rules

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28 More Deaths On Palestine Record

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A second truck was also stopped and three Arabs captured. In the two trucks the British troops of and 77 rifles, three Bren guns and six Sten guns.

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A bomb exploded in a Jewish shop in Haifa with no casualties. In Jaffa the police detonated two unexploded bombs found in a theatre.

New Chinese Postal Rates Quashed

Nanking, Dec. 14.
After a heated discussion at yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Yuan, it was finally announced that the increase of postal rates put into effect since December 11 will be considered void.

The Control Yuan recently censured the motion of increasing postal rates by the Executive Yuan on the ground that the latter has no legal rights to readjust postal rates without the confirmation of the Legislative Yuan although it was empowered to do so by the State Council.—Central News.

Position In Palestine

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Macao Puts Ban On Gold And Platinum

As forecast a few days ago by the "China Mail," the Macao Government on Saturday clamped down on free imports and exports of gold and platinum which from now on are subject to permit, tax and other restrictions.

Announcing this in an official document, the Portuguese authorities emphasised that the restrictions imposed were unavoidable since continuance of free imports and exports of gold would inevitably have unfavourable repercussions on Macao's economy, it was reported yesterday from Macao.

The new regulations released on Saturday prohibit, except by permit, all gold imports and exports including gold in transit.

Permits will not be issued for amounts under 50,000 ounces in the case of gold and 20,000 ounces in the case of platinum.

CHIANG'S SON IN SHAI

Shanghai, Dec. 14.
Major-General Chiang Kai-shek, Russian-educated eldest son of President Chiang Kai-shek, arrived here from Nanking last evening by air on an "important" mission, according to Chinese reports. The nature of the mission was not disclosed.—Reuter.

H.K. Named As 'Hub Of Sino-Japan Trading'

Shanghai, Dec. 14.
Hong Kong is now deriving the benefits of decisive Sino-Japanese trade, Mr. Tang Chu-sheng, Chinese commercial delegate to Japan, said in an interview with the Shanghai Ta Kung Pao today.

Mr. Tang said that a considerable amount of Japanese-made luxuries, the importation of which was banned in China, were now pouring into Hong Kong and from there being smuggled into China.

Chinese exportable commodities and their way to Japan through the same channels, he added. Mr. Tang said the volume of Japanese trade with Hong Kong was on the increase. The resumption of direct Sino-Japanese trade, he said, would



Bloodshed is daily increasing in Palestine. Here is a glimpse of the scene after the Arab members of the Najada military organisation raided a Palestine Police arms depot at Raleh at midnight last night.

GREETINGS FOR KING'S BIRTHDAY

Windsor, Dec. 14.
Hundreds of messages of congratulations have been received at the Royal Lodge, Windsor, where King George is today celebrating his 52nd birthday.

Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh made an all night train journey to London from the Royal Estate at Birkhall, Scotland, where they ended their honeymoon yesterday, to attend the King's birthday party.

After spending two hours at Buckingham Palace this morning, the Duke and Duchess of Windsor, who will report for duty at the Admiralty tomorrow to take up his new post in the Operations Division.—Reuter.

Factions Again Clash In Chinese Govt.

Nanking, Dec. 14.

Factional strife within the Kuomintang, which subsided appreciably following Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's exhortations to Party members to work for Party unity at the recent fourth plenary session of the Central Kuomintang, has burst out again.

The jockeying of several influential members for presidency of the Legislative Yuan has fast approached a crucial stage.

Informed sources told the Associated Press that the Kuomintang Committee for the examination of Party candidates meeting yesterday, witnessed an unusually heated debate between two well defined groups—presumably the Political Science group under the leadership of Premier Chang Chun and the so-called C-clique under Kuomintang Minister of Organisation Chen Li-fu—over the nomination of Party candidates to the Legislative Yuan.

Both groups, it was said, sought to place on the Party ticket those who were followers of or sympathetic with their own factions with a view to obtaining majority support.

Ta Kung Pao Comes Back To H.K.

China's influential daily, "Ta Kung Pao," will shortly be published in Hong Kong, it was learned yesterday.

Discussions are now in progress for premises—the Tsan Ho Bank, which closed its doors more than three months ago. The "Ta Kung Pao" was first published in Tientsin.

When the Sino-Japanese war broke out, the newspaper was moved to Hong Kong and later to Kweilin when Hong Kong was occupied.

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JAP MINISTER MAKES PLEA FOR SOCIALISM

Osaka, Dec. 14.
Japanese Foreign Minister, Hiroshi Ashida, warned in a speech here today that only socialist policies would be capable of meeting Japanese labour's demands.

"If the Social Democratic Party is unable to tide over the labour offensive, it means that only the Communist Party can," he said.

THE WEATHER

The ridge of high pressure from the Siberian anti-cyclone extends southward across the Yellow Sea and is moving slowly eastward. Pressure continues low to the north-east of Japan.

Forecast:—Moderate east winds partly cloudy continuing cool.

Yesterday's Weather:—Maximum: 68.8 deg. F. Minimum: 61.0 deg. F. Rainfall: 4.8 hours. Relative Humidity: 75% since Jan. 1. Average of 1933-34: 10.87 in. as against an average of 11.93 in. for 1947.

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Forecast for tomorrow:—Moderate east winds partly cloudy continuing cool.

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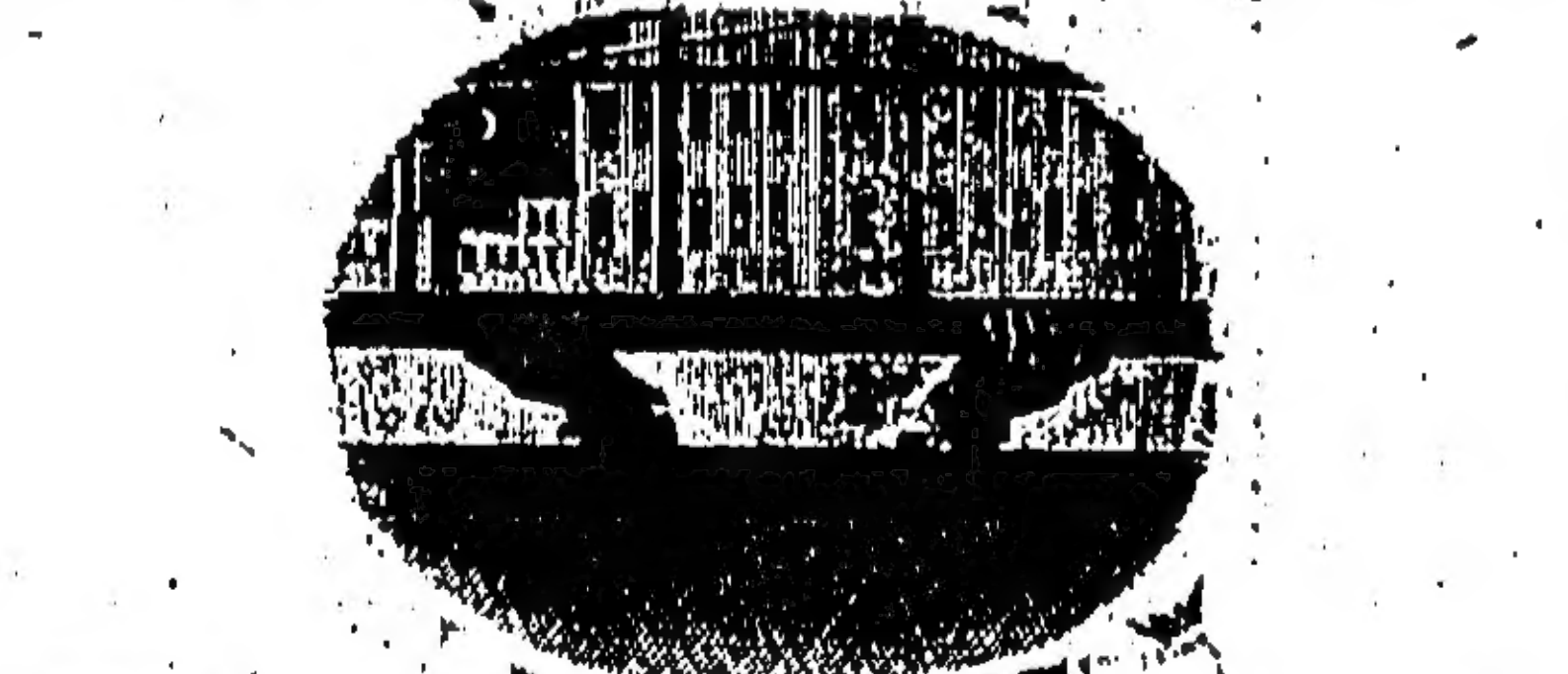
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WHO WILL BE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE YUAN?

Nanking, Dec. 14.
 With the election of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-
 shek as President of the Republic a certainty
 when the National Assembly convenes early
 next year, interest today centered around the
 question of who will get the Vice-Presidency
 and the influential post of President of the
 Legislative Yuan.

Dr. Sun Fo, son of the
 Founder of the Chinese revolution,
 Dr. Sun Yat-sen, at present
 holds both posts concurrently
 but it is considered
 possible he will be ousted from
 one or the other in a Govern-
 ment reshuffle following in-
 auguration of the new Constitu-
 tion on December 25.

While the Constitution pro-
 vides that both posts shall be
 elective—the Vice-Presidency by
 members of the National As-
 sembly and the Presidency of the
 Legislative Yuan by mem-
 bers of the Yuan—it is an ac-
 cepted fact that the real election
 will take place in the mind of
 Chiang Kai-shek.

The probability of anyone be-
 ing elected to either post with-
 out the Generalissimo's prior
 approval is practically non-
 existent.

In making the decision, the
 Generalissimo as usual is ex-
 pected to give full consideration
 to the delicate balance of power
 he maintains between the fac-
 tional groups within the Gov-
 ernment.

Question Mark
 The biggest question mark a
 possible reshuffle is powerful
 Chen Li-fu, who is reputed to
 have more influence with the

Generalissimo than any other
 individual in China.
 Chen has been frequently
 mentioned lately as possible
 President of the Legislative
 Yuan.

His appointment is said to be
 strongly opposed by Premier
 Chang Chun and members of
 his Political Science group who
 represent the chief counter-
 balance to Chen's so-called "CC
 clique" within the Government.
 Dr. Sun, also opposed Chen's
 getting the post because he
 wants to keep it himself along
 with the Vice-Presidency.

He is known to feel that the
 Vice-Presidency alone would
 give him too little influence in
 the Government.
 If reports that Chen Li-fu is
 angling for the post of Presi-
 dent of the Resident Legisla-
 tive Yuan are correct, it repre-
 sents a change of his tactics
 over the past several years, dur-
 ing which he has been inclined
 to wield his great power from
 the background rather than
 stepping into the limelight of
 top government posts.

Reaction
 Some foreign observers think
 that, apart from other con-
 siderations, the Generalissimo
 would be ill-advised to give the
 Legislative Yuan Presidency to
 Chen because of probable un-
 favourable foreign reaction,
 particularly in the United States.

They point out that, rightly
 or wrongly, Chen has become a
 symbol in the eyes of most
 American observers of the
 reactionary forces in the Chi-
 na Government, and his as-
 sumption of one of the top
 Government posts would hardly
 be regarded as a step in the
 direction of reform, for which
 so many American critics have
 been agitating.

While Dr. Sun is not thought
 to wield as much power as
 either Chen or Gen. Chang, the
 Generalissimo must tread cau-
 tiously in dealing with him
 because of the great name he
 bears.—United Press.

"The Colonel" Has Made A Speech

Chicago, Dec. 14.
 The Chicago Tribune published today a prepared
 speech by its publisher, Col. Robert E. Mc-
 Cormick, charging that "in 1938 an agreement
 was made for the United States, France, Eng-
 land and Holland to make war on Germany
 and Japan."

The speech was prepared for
 delivery to a meeting of the
 Economic Club of Chicago, but
 at the last minute McCormick
 discarded the entire speech for
 an informal discussion of his
 recent tour of the Far East,
 emphasizing his belief that the
 future of the entire world de-
 pends on strengthening democ-
 racy in the United States.

Hong Kong
 McCormick's prepared text
 continued: "The (Roosevelt)
 administration guaranteed Hong

Chinese Art Exhibition

An exhibition of oil paintings,
 water colours, and woodcuts by
 six distinguished Chinese men
 and women artists will be held
 under the auspices of the Hu-
 man Studio at St. John's Hall,
 Garden Road, from today till
 Thursday.

There will be works of car-
 toonists Teh Wai, woodcut artist
 Hain Po, women artists Fong
 Ching and Sheng Tai-chun, and
 oil painters Lo Wu-Yah and
 Chen Yu-chen. Teh Wai and
 Hain Po are known as leading
 artists in their field.

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 matters I learned" on the Pacific
 trip. He added: "I use the
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 without question by our own
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 followed the French staff
 as almost supernatural."
 United Press.

THE WHISKERS CLUB
 Some of the earth in the bowl of
 "hidden treasure" having turned
 into a silver watch and chain.
 Further the Magic hopped off
 with his prize.

The Buses Still Stand Idle



Hong Kong's bus strike is still dragging on
 and neither side seems ready to make a move
 for settlement.

In the meantime, city-goers pack on to crowded trams
 and buses lie idle.
 Here are some of the buses. They are standing in front
 of the main station at Causeway Bay.—China Mail Photo.

THE MAGIC CIRCLE IS FULL OF MYSTERIES

If you have an ink-stained handkerchief which de-
 fies the usual stain-removers, hand it over to
 Mr. Jack Emerson, of the Royal Navy. Within
 a couple of minutes you'll get it back without
 the stains.

At least that was what happen-
 ed at the meeting of the Hong
 Kong Magic Circle, held at P. &
 O. Building last night.
 All that was necessary was to
 put the handkerchief into a "Lux
 sinko box, shake the box a couple
 of times, and—presto—the ink-
 stains went."

Another trick performed by
 Mr. Emerson was joining three
 cut pieces of a cord together to
 make them into a continuous
 string, without any knots what-
 soever.

Mr. P.J. Crosbie gave a few
 demonstrations of escapology.
 In one of his "acts," Mr.
 Crosbie divested himself of his
 coat and turned his waistcoat
 back to front.

His wrists were tied by two
 pieces of cord which were, in
 turn, tied at his back.
 The President (Mr. F.M. Gens-
 burger) entertained the members
 with a knot trick.

Four articles (obtained from
 those present) were tied sepa-
 rately to a cord, the ends of
 which were, after having been
 passed through the sleeves of a
 jacket, held by Messrs. Hefly
 and Desai.

The articles were then "untied"
 in the order named by the spec-
 tators, and the cord untied, pul-
 led through the sleeves.

Serious
 The entertainment was preced-
 ed by the more serious business
 of the Secretary (Mr. J.M. Ben-
 ley), reading the minutes of the
 inaugural meeting, and reporting
 on the meeting of the Committee
 held on Dec. 10).

In the latter, it was decided
 that members' wives would be
 admitted to membership without
 payment of entrance fee but on
 payment of the usual monthly
 subscriptions.

It was also decided that there
 would be no honorary members
 but that visiting magicians
 (whether professional or ama-
 teurs) would be invited to make
 use of the Club and to attend
 its meetings.

Thirdly, the Committee decid-
 ed to request Mr. Crosbie to sub-
 mit a design for the crest of the
 Hong Kong Magic Circle.

Mr. Benley also stated that
 the Circle had been offered the
 use of the Cosmo Club premises,
 free of charge. The only stipu-
 lation was that 25 per cent. of
 the members of the Circle should
 also become members of the Club.

On the proposal of Mr. Bur-
 rage it was decided that there
 should be only one business
 meeting of the Circle monthly,
 and that the weekly meetings
 should take the form of socials
 and get-togethers.

The next meeting will be held
 at 8.30 p.m. at the Cosmo Club
 on Sunday, Dec. 21.

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The Whiskers slipped him on the
 way, "And now," said Whiskers,
 firmly grasping the bowl, "I
 have my home!" And this time they
 gave themselves a cheer!

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Japanese Girls Are Worried

Tokyo, Dec. 14.
 The imminent arrival
 of the New Year has all
 the Japanese girls who
 are hunting husbands,
 very worried. Every one
 of them will be one year
 older on January 1.

A baby is considered one year
 old the day he is born. Even if
 he happens to be born on
 December 31, he becomes two
 years old on January 1.

That may be two days old in
 Hong Kong but it is two years
 old in Japan.

The information about the
 worried ladies scurrying for
 years-end husbands comes from
 Masao Sasaki, 33-year-old
 bachelor.

He works in a private
 "matting" agency operating under
 the alluring name of "marriage
 salvation."

Sasaki had completely over-
 looked the New Year age boost
 until one of his clients, told him
 to hurry up and get her a hus-
 band this month.

"I'll be one year older with
 the New Year and one wee little
 year can ruin a girl's aspirants
 and ambitions," she said.

Sasaki thumbed his index
 cards, listing the women and
 men ready to pay solid cash fees
 for the right sort of well-fixed
 mate.

Mostly there were people in
 difficulty as a result of the war.
 The old solid families, with
 strong family ties, still do their
 own match-making.

Sasaki read aloud from a card:
"WANTED WIFE:—One
 with 500,000-yen assets. Ap-
 pearance disregarded. Applicant
 describes self as 40 years old,
 open hearted and trying hard to
 re-establish his business."

Sasaki shrugged: "Probably
 a director of a black market,"
 Associated Press.

**German POW Still
 Has His Souvenir**

Fremantle, Dec. 14.
 A German prisoner of war who was on his way
 back to Britain today after a three-day stay
 in Australia, still has in his possession a pound
 note which he had when he escaped from
 Thirkeby camp in Yorkshire, seven weeks
 ago.

He was Ulrich Johannes Lage-
 mann, who was arrested for loit-
 ering on Fremantle Esplanade
 early yesterday morning and to-
 day appeared before a Fremantle
 police court.

The police said that when first
 arrested, Lagemann stated that
 his name was John Thomas and
 that he had recently arrived in
 Australia from Chile.

Later he confessed that he was
 a escaped prisoner of war and
 had arrived here last Wednesday.

He stated that he walked out
 of Thirkeby camp seven weeks
 ago, boarded a train for Liver-
 pool and from there went on to
 London and Southampton, the
 police said.

He stowed away on board the
 liner Asturias bound for Aus-
 tralia, and during the voyage
 lived on the emergency rations
 in a lifeboat, according to the
 police statement.

Lagemann was said to have
 been born at Nettig, West-
 phalia. When arrested he had no
 money except an English pound
 note which he said he had had
 ever since his escape. The au-
 thorities refused him permission
 to stay and he was put back on
 board the Asturias which sailed
 today.—Reuter.

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CHINESE REDS READY FOR LONG BATTLE

Shanghai, Dec. 14.
 Two Americans who recently emerged from a long
 stay in the Chinese Communist areas in Hopei
 and Shantung provinces, told Associated Press
 today that the Reds are economically and
 militarily equipped to carry on their struggle
 with the Government for "at least two more
 years — and very likely more."

These Americans—one of whom
 has spent nearly a year of
 extensive movement throughout
 the Communist regions engaged
 in relief work—said the morale of
 both the frontliners and pen-
 sants was high but that they
 were prepared for months more
 of warfare and privation before
 achieving a decisive victory over
 Nanking.

The informants—who asked
 that their names be withheld—
 said the Red chairman, Mao Tse-
 tung, presided over a conference
 of civilian and military men in
 the mountains near Hantan last
 month for the purpose of "re-
 organising the North China Com-
 munist Government (embracing
 northern Honan, western Shan-
 tung, Hopei and northern Kiang-
 su).

The meeting followed the Red
 capture of Shihchichuang.

Decentralised
 They said the Communists
 soon after the fall of Yenan, de-
 centralised control over its vari-
 ous border region governments
 and allowed each region to
 govern itself independently.

The only programme still uni-
 fied was the one under the di-
 rection of Chen Eshen—for train-
 ing Communist Government work-
 ers to participate in a future Chinese
 Coalition government.

The Communist stipulation for
 formation of such a government
 would be that of not including
 Chiang Kai-shek or any present
 old-line Kuomintang leaders, the
 Americans said.

They gathered that from "un-
 verified" party men.

Anti-U.S.
 Communist anti-American pro-
 paganda was evident throughout
 the area—with posters saying in
 Chinese: "Down with Marshall,
 Down with Truman!"

During their long period in
 Communist territory, neither of
 the informants saw evidence of
 Soviet arms or equipment.

That, though, impressed by the
 fact that, though many vil-
 lages were newly "liberated" by
 the Reds, there was no apparent
 terrorism.

Asked about the land distribu-
 tion programme, one peasant re-
 lied: "Those who gain land
 like it. Those who lose it don't.
 Since more get than give, there
 are more satisfied peasants."

Not Understood
 The Americans said the pen-
 sants failed to understand the
 Marxist-Leninist doctrine, but
 regarded the Reds as liberators
 and willingly organised
 themselves into militia "ming-
 ping" corps to protect their new-
 ly acquired plots of land.

The informants said National-
 ist commanders whom they
 met in September admitted
 making four breaches of the
 Grand Canal between Moowang,
 Communist outpost in Hopei and
 Luchochlen, Government out-
 post in the same province.

The first breach, about 40 miles
 south of Tientsin, 60 feet across,
 flooded the Communist area for
 about 100 square miles and kept
 Red troops bottled up.

The others, on the east side,
 were smaller. The damage mini-
 mised now, however, by freezing.
 The Nationalists also built dykes
 to divert the flood waters to the
 Red areas, the Americans said.—
 Associated Press.

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 1.15, 6.30 to 7.30 and 9.00 to 11.00
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H. K. T.
 12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.
 12.32 p.m.—Glenn Miller and His Or-
 chestra and The Merry Macs.
 1.00 p.m.—News, Weather Report and
 Announcements.
 1.10 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.
 1.16 p.m.—Songs that have sold a Mil-
 lion.
 1.30 p.m.—Symphony Orchestra.
 2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

6.00 p.m.—Studio! Hospital Request Hall
 Hour. Presented by Holmes, Brown
 6.30 p.m.—Studio! Rudy Dine and His
 Orchestra.
 7.00 p.m.—London Relay: World and
 Home News.
 7.15 p.m.—Studio! "I Like What I
 Like" Presented by Elizabeth Boyd.
 7.45 p.m.—Studio! "Talks on Fashion"
 by Jane Richards.
 7.50 p.m.—Piano and Violin Recital.
 Alexander Dralovsky & Joseph
 Stigwell.
 8.15 p.m.—Moods in Music.
 8.30 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service:
 "On the Mountain," A Fantasia on
 the Life and Death of David
 Livingstone.
 9.00 p.m.—London Relay: News.
 9.10 p.m.—Weather Report.
 9.15 p.m.—Studio! "A Talk by the Rev.
 Father T.P. Ryan, S.J., "Great
 Confessions"—Max Havel.
 9.45 p.m.—Beethoven's Symphony No. 4
 in E-flat Major, D.D.C. Sym.
 Orch.
 10.15 p.m.—Something for Everybody
 Music for all tastes.
 11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

**German POW Still
 Has His Souvenir**

Fremantle, Dec. 14.
 A German prisoner of war who was on his way
 back to Britain today after a three-day stay
 in Australia, still has in his possession a pound
 note which he had when he escaped from
 Thirkeby camp in Yorkshire, seven weeks
 ago.

He was Ulrich Johannes Lage-
 mann, who was arrested for loit-
 ering on Fremantle Esplanade
 early yesterday morning and to-
 day appeared before a Fremantle
 police court.

The police said that when first
 arrested, Lagemann stated that
 his name was John Thomas and
 that he had recently arrived in
 Australia from Chile.

Later he confessed that he was
 a escaped prisoner of war and
 had arrived here last Wednesday.

He stated that he walked out
 of Thirkeby camp seven weeks
 ago, boarded a train for Liver-
 pool and from there went on to
 London and Southampton, the
 police said.

He stowed away on board the
 liner Asturias bound for Aus-
 tralia, and during the voyage
 lived on the emergency rations
 in a lifeboat, according to the
 police statement.

Lagemann was said to have
 been born at Nettig, West-
 phalia. When arrested he had no
 money except an English pound
 note which he said he had had
 ever since his escape. The au-
 thorities refused him permission
 to stay and he was put back on
 board the Asturias which sailed
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BAOC STRIKE THREAT

Bournemouth, Dec. 14. About 80 radio officers of the British Overseas Airways Corporation, serving on York and Lancaster aircraft, are threatening an unofficial strike next Tuesday, which may ground planes on services to Africa, the Middle East, Singapore and Australia.

The men's grievance is that they are expected to live in the Bournemouth area because these planes are maintained and serviced at the neighbouring Hurn airport, while most of them have to keep up homes in other parts of the country. They are seeking extra living allowances.—Reuter.

Truman Assurance To Italy

WASHINGTON, DEC. 14. PRESIDENT TRUMAN SAID TODAY THAT WHILE UNITED STATES TROOPS WERE BEING WITHDRAWN FROM ITALY, THE UNITED STATES WOULD CONSIDER "APPROPRIATE MEASURES" FOR MAINTAINING PEACE THERE SHOULD ITALY'S INDEPENDENCE BE THREATENED IN FUTURE.

About 1,600 American troops, all that remain of several hundred thousand at the time of the Italian armistice, are due to sail from Leghorn tomorrow in the army transport "Admiral Sims."

In connection with the withdrawal, the President issued a statement which said: "Although the United States is withdrawing its troops from Italy in fulfillment of its obligations under the treaty of peace, this country continues its interest in the preservation of a free and independent Italy." President Truman added: "If in the course of events it is becoming apparent that the freedom and independence of Italy, upon which the peace settlement is based, are being threatened directly or indirectly, the United States, as a signatory of the peace treaty and as a member of the United Nations, will be obliged to consider what measures would be appropriate for the maintenance of peace and security."—Reuter.

17 KILLED IN RAIL CRASH

Clermont-Ferrand, Dec. 14. Seventeen were killed and 20 injured when a train struck a small trolley car near here. Six of the injured were reported to be in a critical condition.

Clermont-Ferrand is near Lyons in south central France.—United Press.

"Christian General" Attacks Aid Plan

Washington, Dec. 14. American opponents of further United States aid to China today received support from General Feng Yu-hsiang, who termed such proposed assistance "useless and dangerous."

The one-time "Christian general" arrived here for his second visit during a lengthy tour of the United States studying water projects.

Sent abroad by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, who was reported to be anxious to keep him outside the Chinese political picture, Feng unhesitatingly criticized the National Administration and urged further American efforts to mediate the Chinese civil war.

He said no Chinese would act

Good Long-Term Investment?

London, Dec. 14. The grand strategy of Russian diplomacy and of international Communist action bears all the signs of concentrating on the overthrow of the Marshall plan to restore economic stability and political equilibrium in Europe.

Seen from this angle, even the French Government's victory over the Communist-led strikes can be explained away as a hollow triumph.

If, as the French Communists have claimed, the dislocation in French production caused by the strikes is such that it already renders out of date the Marshall programme of interim aid to France, then the loss of Communist prestige which must follow the return to work in France will have been a good long-term Communist investment.

Moscow, in cancelling the repatriation arrangements with France, has lost no time in turning the heat on her by a public demonstration of Russian displeasure, probably with the aim of keeping French public opinion in a state of agitation which will hinder France's efforts towards an economic recovery.

If France and Italy—the keys to the first phase in the Marshall plan—can be kept in a depressed economic state during the coming months, two Soviet objectives will have been achieved.

Confusion

1.—The maintenance of economic confusion in all those parts of Europe outside the sphere of direct Soviet influence.

2.—The chance to build up the economy inside the Soviet sphere to a point where the Eastern European countries would have a real exportable surplus of food by next year.

If these aims are secured, then Western Europe may be tempted to look increasingly behind the iron curtain as a substitute source of dollar imports at a moment when the second phase of the Marshall plan is due to be getting into operation.

These arguments are being used by French Communists to justify their recent action in France, even though this has resulted in a temporary defeat. Some of them even go so far as to claim that Communism in France can increasingly afford to ignore electoral propaganda, since Russia is winning the struggle for political influence in Germany, and with an eventually Communist Germany, France will no longer be in a position to resist joining the Soviet sphere of influence.

Concerted Scheme

This highly speculative reasoning is unlikely to convince political observers here until at least some of the conditions upon which it rests have been fulfilled in practice.

It is, however, interesting as a possible explanation of how the alternating tactics of Moscow, operating simultaneously through direct diplomatic action, form part of a concerted scheme to thwart the success of the Marshall plan and extend Russia's sphere of influence throughout Europe.

In this connection, American and French reactions to the successful turn of the Anglo-Soviet trade talks, coming on the heels of the Soviet suspension of the commercial negotiations with France and the American decision to discontinue the export of machinery to Russia, are likely to be cool.

BRITISH SHIP AGROUND

Jacksonville, Dec. 14. The British motor vessel Deliverance ran aground in heavy weather today off Ponte Vedra Beach, near here and appeared to be in danger of breaking up.

The skipper, Captain Wilson King, and eight of the crew remained on board the vessel, which operates in the regular service between Bermuda and Jacksonville, while a ninth man swam ashore for assistance.—Reuter.

SECRET AGENT'S NAME CLEARED

London, Dec. 14. The Foreign Office last night issued a statement clearing the name of a British Secret Service agent whose bullet-riddled body was found in a disused well at Tanus Village, near Toulouse.

It said: "As a result of inquiries in France last summer by the French authorities in conjunction with Scotland Yard, it was established that the body found in a disused well at Tanus in June 1943 was that of Captain Christopher James Lord who disappeared in May 1943 while engaged on a clandestine military mission under orders of the War Office."

"Subsequent reports in the French Press alleged that Lord had been executed on orders of the War Office because he had imperilled the success of his mission and the lives of his companions."

"It can be stated categorically that Captain Lord was not killed on any express or implied instructions issued by the War Office who had no knowledge of his death until shortly before the inquiries mentioned above were initiated. There was no evidence that Captain Lord betrayed either his mission or his companions."—Reuter.

REUTER MAN DEAD

London, Dec. 14. Sir Basil Clarke, journalist, war correspondent and publicist, died here today at the age of 68.

Sir Basil was war correspondent for Reuter at British Army headquarters during the later battles of the Somme, in the first World War.—Reuter.

A NEW HORROR WEAPON

WASHINGTON, DEC. 14. AMERICAN ARMY SCIENTISTS HAVE KILLED MICE AND INSECTS IN ONE MINUTE WITH AN ULTRA-SONIC RAY WHICH, IT IS BELIEVED, COULD BE DEVELOPED INTO A MAN-KILLING WAR WEAPON.

Post mortems showed that death was caused by heat produced by high frequency waves, resembling ordinary sound waves but above audible range.

Mice exposed for only half a minute survived, but others, whose fur had been removed before the test, succumbed within two and a half minutes. Yellow fever mosquitoes, cockroaches, caterpillars, blowflies, and mealworms were similarly killed.

All protection scientists wore ear-plugs, but in placing objects in the soundfield and retrieving them finger and hands were burned.—Our Own Correspondent.

Rocket Leaflets Their Plan

MADRID, DEC. 14. FOURTEEN STUDENTS, MOSTLY UNDER 20 AND INCLUDING TWO GIRLS, WERE CHARGED AT A MADRID COURT-MARTIAL TODAY WITH ATTEMPTING TO FORM AGAIN THE REPUBLICAN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS FEDERATION.

The prosecutor asked for sentences ranging from six years to six months. The prosecution claimed that they were preparing to spread propaganda over Madrid by rocket.

Two of the students, Manuel Lamana and Eleuterio Lopez, studied at the French Lycee in Madrid and were prefects there; the prosecution said, Lamana had propaganda leaflets in his room, it was claimed.

The charges followed the discovery early this year of hand grenades, bombs, explosives and "revolutionary literature" at the Lycee.

A police statement after the search named Lamana, Lopez and another as "the most outstanding of those responsible." At that time the police described them as teachers.—Reuter.

London, Dec. 14. During the past month 900 German girls have arrived in Britain to be married. Several hundred more are expected next week.—Reuter.

BRITAIN TO PULL OUT BEFORE MAY 15

London, Dec. 13. Mr. Ernest Bevin, Foreign Secretary, told the House of Commons today that Britain had made it clear that May 15 was the latest date by which Britain would hand over her mandate for Palestine.

If negotiations with the United Nations moved more quickly than he thought and an earlier date could be fixed, Britain would do so.

May 15 as the date of the surrender of the mandate had been fixed after careful consideration.

Mr. Bevin added: "We felt that if we fixed the date earlier, matters would not be completed. An earlier date might cause heavy loss and, after what we have put into Palestine in the last 30 years, I do not see why we should have such a loss."

The Foreign Secretary added that if a speedup was possible, it would be done.

Saying that there was no obligation on Britain to change the immigration quota, Mr. Bevin warned Jews that if they encouraged illegal immigration it would be regarded as a provocative act. "I say to Jews advisedly that they should leave it alone until the new state is set up."

Between then and the withdrawal the Government is expected to clear Cyprus because it could not have illegal immigrants on British territory after that time.

It had been decided to withdraw the Arab Legion from Palestine at the same time as the British forces. Priority was given to the removal of implements of war.

The Limit

The Administrators in Palestine, whose careers would be cut short, would receive adequate compensation, added Mr. Bevin.

Methodist Budget

Buck Hill Falls, Pa., Dec. 14. The Methodist Church should take a more active part in formulating United States foreign policy, Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of New York said today.

The Church should provide "competent men to represent the moral opinion of the world at the places where decisions are made," the Bishop told delegates to the annual session of the Board of Missions and Church Extension.

Among missionary budget allocations proposed to the Board of Missions for the next four years were US\$1,719,000 for India, US\$1,155,000 for Burma, US\$1,192,000 for Malaya, US\$220,000 for the Philippines, US\$467,000 for China, US\$250,000 for Korea and US\$153,400 for Japan.

The money would be used for new buildings, equipment and modernisation of existing facilities.—Associated Press.

Greece "Saved From Big Disaster"

Athens, Dec. 13. The United States mission for aid to Greece claimed tonight that it had succeeded in saving Greece from a "national disaster which threatened her at the time American aid was requested," in its report on United States help.

Greece had been saved "from the brink of subjugation by a militant armed minority," the report said, but "the critical military and economic situation will take time to repair."

The four-fold battle against guerrillas, starvation, suffering and inflation still required unity, sacrifices and a tremendous effort on the part of the Greek people, the report said.

Disclosing that the Greek Army had received 70,000 tons of military supplies between August

PONTIFF TO SPEAK

Vatican City, Dec. 14. Vatican sources said today that Pope Pius will address the Cardinals on Christmas Eve. As in past years he is likely to deal with issues of major concern to the Church and the world.

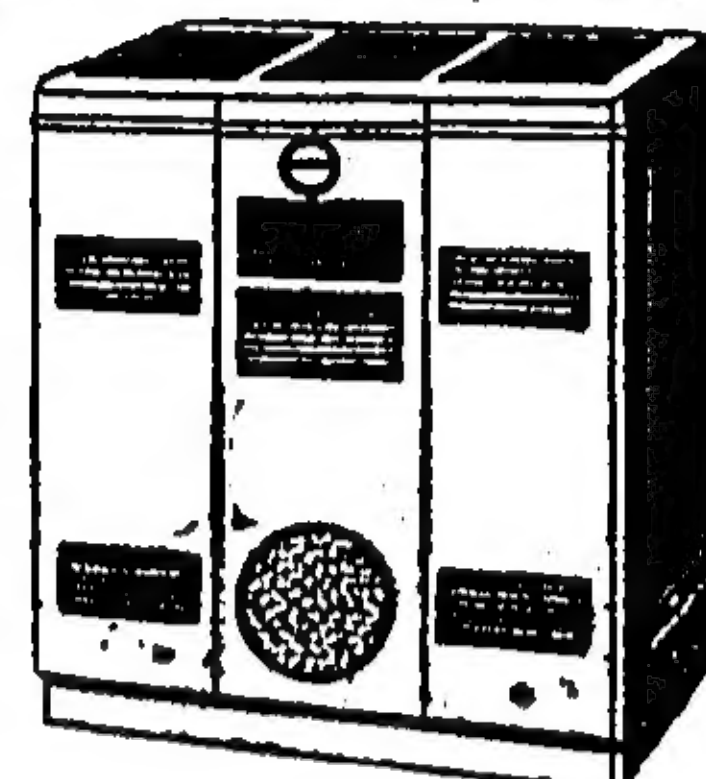
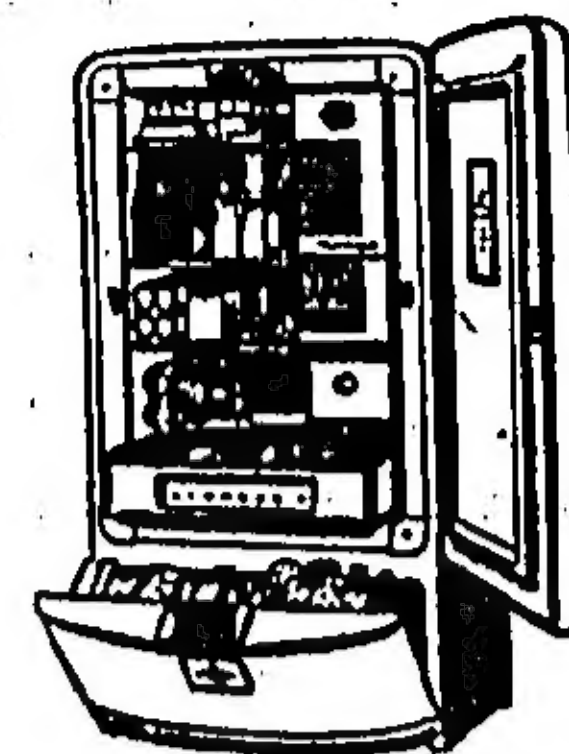
The speech will be a reply to Christmas greetings conveyed by the Dean of Cardinals, 90-year-old Gennaro Cardinal Granito Pignatelli di Belmonte. It will be broadcast.

The Vatican has neither confirmed nor denied reports that the Pope may use the occasion, as he did two years ago, to announce creation of new Cardinals. The College has nine vacancies.—Associated Press.

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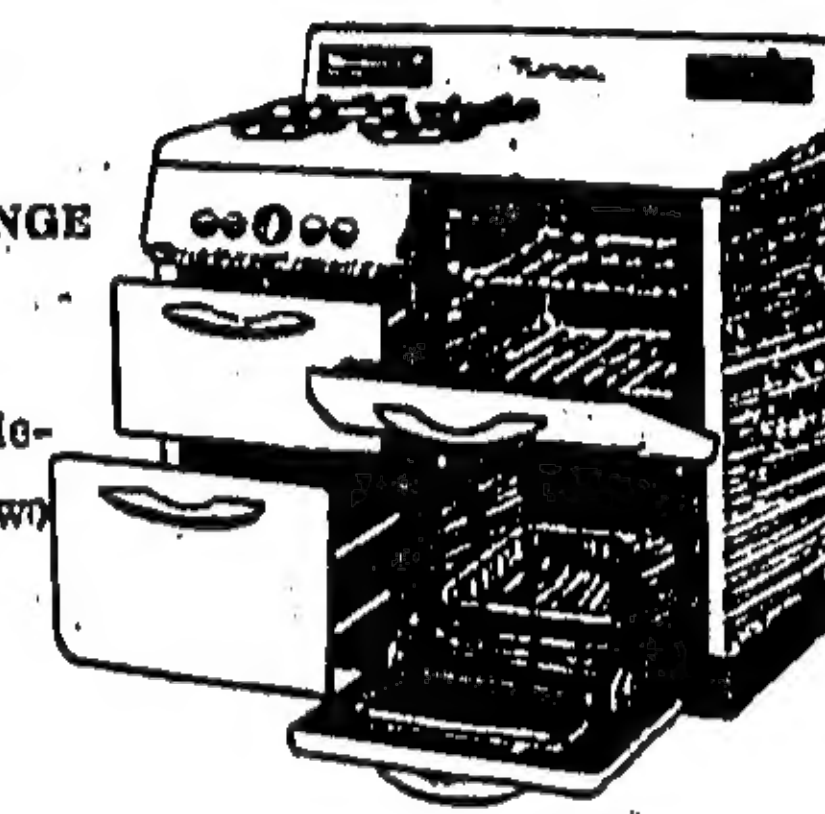
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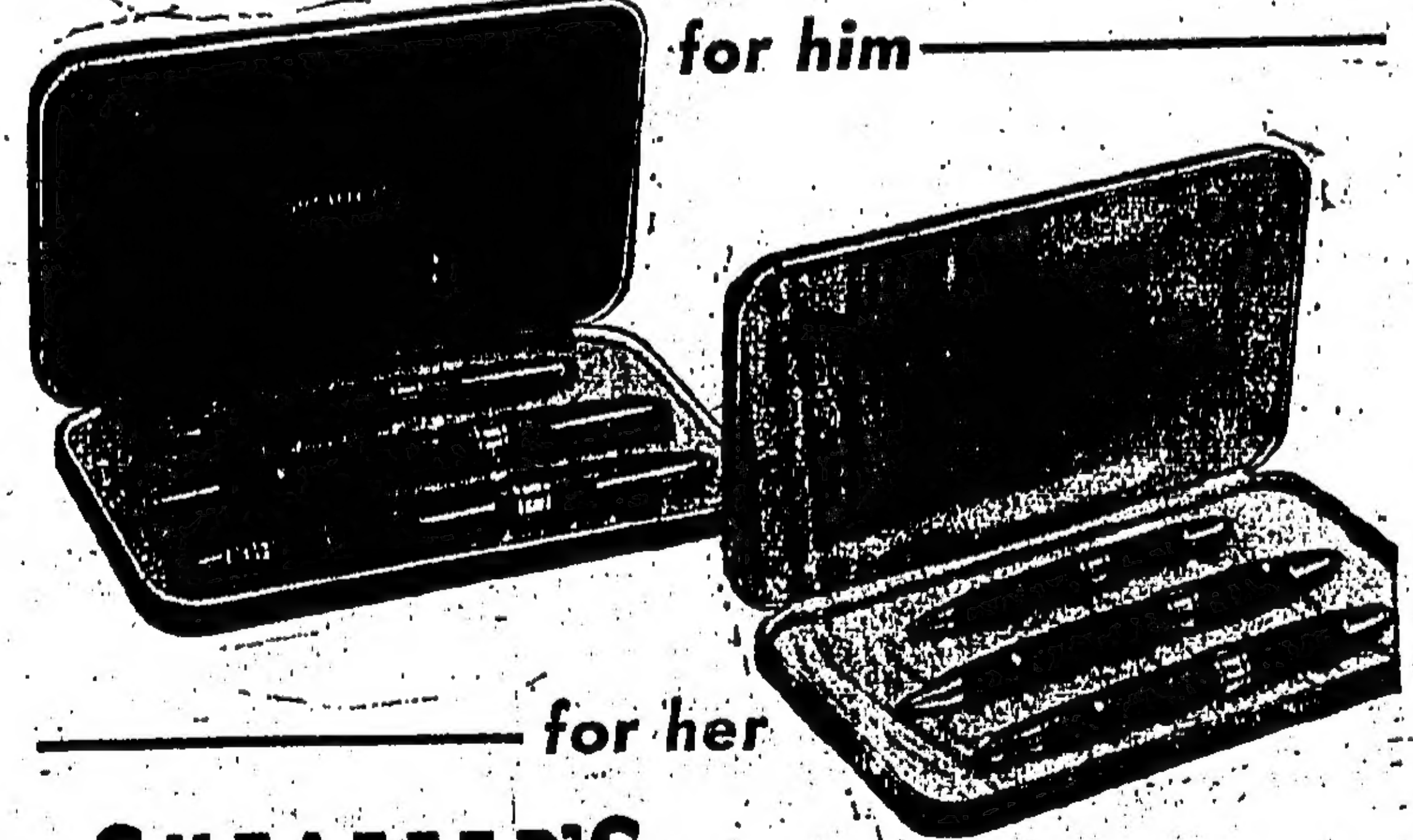
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To confirm the appointment of the Directors and to fix the Directors' Fees.

To receive the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts to December 31st 1946.

To declare a Dividend.

To elect Auditors.

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The grants, £40,000 for the Princess and £10,000 for her husband, were proposed by an all-party select committee of the Commons. The recommendations will be debated on Wednesday in the House.

Five Socialists, members of the select committee, including Maurice Webb, chairman of the Parliamentary Labour Party, voted to cut each of the proposed allowances by £5,000.

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UPROAR IN PARLIAMENT

St. John's, Newfoundland

The Speaker of the Newfoundland Convention threatened to resign today what he called the reprehensible conduct of certain members in an uproar which ended yesterday's debate on the possibility of Newfoundland's union with Canada.

The Speaker, Mr. John McEvoy, criticised those members who walked out and refused to answer his repeated summons to return. The Convention, which was finally adjourned until Jan. 5, was three times left without a quorum while discussing a report by a seven-man delegation which has been in Ottawa for six months, discussing the terms of union with Canada.

—Reuter.

U. N. COMMISSION IN KOREA

Lake Success, Dec. 14.

The United States Government last night assured Dr. Trygve Lie, Secretary-General of the United Nations, that it would give "the fullest assistance" to the United Nations Korean Commission both in America and Southern Korea.

The assurance was given in a reply to a letter from Dr. Lie, addressed to the United States and the Soviet Union, as the occupying powers in Korea, drawing their attention to the United Nations General Assembly's establishment of a Commission and the Assembly's request that member states afford the Commission every assistance.

No Soviet reply has yet been received. —Reuter.

Communism On The March

BALL HILL FALLS, PA., DEC. 14.

REV. NEWELL BOOTH, UNITED STATES METHODIST BISHOP FOR AFRICA, DECLARED HERE THAT COMMUNISM WAS ON THE MARCH IN BELGIAN CONGO—ONE OF THE WORLD'S MAJOR SOURCES OF URANIUM ORE.

He told the annual meeting of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church: "The Church must combat Communism there, but we must act now or it will be too late."

There were: 1. The breakdown of all religious beliefs with nothing to replace them.

2. The lack of educational facilities.

3. Economic and social inequalities and injustices.

4. Political impotency of the people as they have no part in the Government of their lands.

Bishop Booth added that to fight Communism, the Church must support the liberal elements of the colonial Governments in Africa and work with the United Nations Commission of Trusteeship as well as the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation. —Reuter.

MURDERED TWO SISTERS

Frankfurt, Dec. 14.

The American military court at Amberg, in Bavaria, has sentenced Otto Bartle, a Soviet subject, to death by shooting for the murder of two German sisters at Amberg.

Another Soviet citizen, named Fedorovich, who helped Bartle with the crime, committed suicide. —Reuter.



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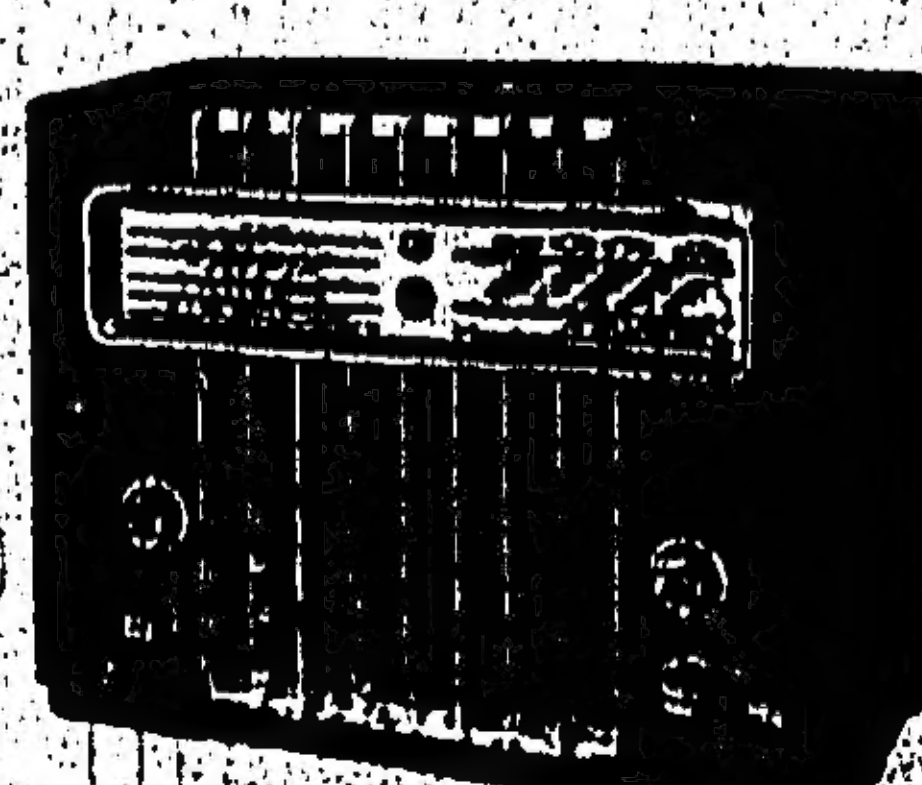
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Germans Comment On Big Four

London, Dec. 14. German correspondent — a dozen men and a few women — are reporting the Foreign Ministers Conference.

They are polite, self-effacing, sometimes bewildered. They represent Germany's diverse political parties. But all express the hope that Germany can become a political and economic unit.

The Germans enjoy the facilities of all reporters accredited to the conference. They attend various briefings, where officials of the four delegations advise reporters of developments. (Reporters are barred from the conference sessions.) They stick together, listen carefully, take notes voluminously and say little.

Among them are Communists as ardent as M. Molotov; British, American and French polities also have their supporters.

Observations

A number of the correspondents volunteered observations. Dr. Erik Reger, editor of the American-licensed, non-partisan newspaper, Tagespiegel, (Berlin) said:

"Molotov's daily charges against the western countries will have some effect in the western zones in industrial areas where conditions are bad and the Communists are strong."

"There will be no effect in the eastern zone, since there the people know how bad things are under the Soviet administration."

Rudolf Feilstramm, correspondent of Berlin's Neues Deutschland, (Communist) Party, said:

"My impression is that the Soviet delegation is the only delegation which really advocates political and economic unity of Germany and is against its colonisation."

"The proposals of the American delegation for federalisation of Germany will find little understanding among German people." — Associated Press.

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SHANGHAI PLANS FOR EXPANSION

Shanghai, Dec. 14. The City Government is planning gradual implementation of the Greater Shanghai development plan drawn up in 1936 on instructions from the Generalissimo, a high official of the Public Works told the United Press today.

The plan, whose fundamental points were mapped out by American architects, was shelved indefinitely due to the tense Far East situation which erupted shortly thereafter in the Japanese invasion of China.

The plan calls for the development of a "Greater Shanghai" over an area of roughly 900 square kilometers, with its nerve centre along Nanking Road, southwards till eventually the heart of the city will be a civic centre on the site of Kiangwan suburb.

This area once contained a group of administration buildings designed according to modern Chinese architecture style, but the Japanese destroyed some of the buildings and others have fallen into disuse. The chief points of the plan would be:

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China Wants Jap Power Generators

Nanking, Dec. 14.

In order to insure a cheap supply of electrical power to Chinese industrial and mining enterprises, the National Resources Commission has drafted a plan to utilise Japanese power generating equipment for the larger cities.

The Commission also plans to develop minor hydro-electric projects throughout the country.

The Chinese Government has requested SCAP headquarters for electrical equipment with a capacity of 260,000 kilowatts as part of Japanese reparations.

The Commission disclosed that most of the Japanese electrical equipment was in disrepair but hope some useable equipment can be secured.

The Commission is planning to develop smaller hydro-electric projects in such places as Wanhua (Szechwan), Tunglu (Sinkang), Hailu and Tientsin (Kansu), and along the Hailu River in Kwelchow.

It is also considering developing the Min River in Szechwan, the Yang River in Kwangtung, the Tse River in Hunan and the Chientang River in Chekiang for hydro-electric purposes. —United Press.

London, Dec. 14. Training expenses, allowances and bounty payments for certain minimum amounts of training, paid to the Royal Air Force auxiliary and reserve forces, are to be exempt from income tax from April 6, 1948, it was announced today. —Reuter.

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NEW TRANSPORT SYSTEM

The "shape of things to come"

in the transport world is loom-

ing through the mist. A Trans-

port Commission has been created

and a Railway Executive

Committee has been appointed.

The Commission is the more

important body and may be com-

pared to a board of directors. A

railway board, however, was

accountable only to shareholders,

but the Commission will be re-

sponsible, first to another direc-

torate—the House of Common—

who in turn will be responsible

to the owners, the electorate.

Thus, at the outset, an addition-

al governing body is interposed.

The Executive Committee is,

however, the most significant as

an indication that British rail-

ways will be governed in future

on a functional rather than on an

area basis. These two methods

are at present easily combined in

the organisations of the Great

Western and of the Southern

Railways. These were not too

large to be comparatively easily

controlled by a general manager

and a complement of depart-

mental officers.

The two larger railway com-

panies, the London, Midland and

Scottish and the London and

North-Eastern, each settled

their organisations somewhat dif-

ferently. The former was large-

ly functional and the latter main-

ly geographical. The ideal or-

ganisation for any concern is yet

to be found.

It is doubtful if the two basic

essentials underlying each type

of organisation—the necessity of

quick decision over an extended

sphere of operation and the

equally important consideration

of bearing local conditions in

mind—are both practically pos-

sible in every respect.

The National Coal Board

have found the difficulty at an

early stage in its existence com-

plimented by some confusion of

mind on the part of the miners

as to whether they or the na-

tion own the pits. Probably this

latter difficulty may not arise so

acutely in the railway industry,

which has years of tradition of

"service to the public" behind

it. One trusts that the Govern-

ment appreciates at its high

value this inestimable and in-

alienable asset which they are

inheriting from private owner-

ship.

The new railway organisation,

envisaged by the appointment of

the Railway Executive Com-

mittee, seems mainly functional.

The chairman would seem to be

the equivalent of a general

manager, with the other mem-

bers occupying the positions of

chief departmental officers.

They are all competent men in

whose hands the over-all admin-

istration may be confidently left.

The daily interest, however,

of the ordinary passenger and

the man who wants his goods

conveyed is at a much lower

level. Stated bluntly, to whom

will the passenger and the trader

go with his grievances and sug-

gestions, and what power will

reside in the local officer to

whom they appeal? Railway

nationalisation will ultimately

be judged by the service given

to the ordinary user of trans-

port. This naturally suggests

the inherent advantage of area

control, coupled with considerable

powers of local autonomy

being given to the Chief Area

Officer, so characteristic

feature of the London and

North-Eastern Railway. This

feature should be retained, and

in some way should be incor-

porated in the new organisation.

Daily intercourse with con-

sumers is not so important in

the sphere of, say, civil en-

gineering, but it is vital in the

commercial departments. It may

be difficult but it must be solved.

No clue has yet been given as

to road organisation, which must

in some way fit into the area

management suggested above.

Only the most vague and worth-

less generalisations have been

offered on the fundamental

question of charges.

Any Government can exchange

one form of organisation for

another, or, as in the present

case, merely adapt it by creat-

ing larger units, for the pur-

pose of "operating" a railway

service.

It will require statesmanship

to settle the finance, not the

finance usually termed "high",

but that which is at the base of

it all, the fare to be paid by

the passenger, and the rate to be

paid by the trader.

THE NEW AIRLINERS

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CHARLES GARDNER

A situation report on the new British airliners. For some time there has been conjecture (and even wild guesses) on what the British aviation industry was building—and for whom, and how many of them are actually on order.

Recently the veil was lifted, and Britain's Ministry of Supply gave a detailed list of British plans for world leadership in airline design in the 1950's. Most interesting of the aircraft on the Government's list is the high speed De Havilland "106" pure jet driven transatlantic land aircraft. This machine is, in some ways, a Wellman concept—and could have walked straight out of the pages of any one of those futuristic books which only a few short years ago we regarded as being merely entertaining fantasies.

The "106" will fly non-stop from London to New York at a height of 40,000 feet or over, and at a speed of 400 to 500 miles-an-hour.

Inside its shapely pressurised hull will be about 30 passengers, eating, drinking and reading in silent comfort by four big DH "Ghost" pure jet motors—each developing 5,000 lbs. of thrust, or the equivalent of 10,000 horse-power apiece. In the front "office" the pilot, riding his radar beams, will be the flick of a knob, be able to see his exact position shown up on a screen at any time. He won't even have to bother about the weather! In the sub-stratosphere of 40,000 feet there is no "weather"—and the "106" will shoot smoothly through the darkened blue of the clear air which rides above the earth's murky cloud layers. It may be that he will still have to keep a sharp look out for possible scattered "spots" of turbulence which might severely shake his machine and jolt the passengers—but one must assume that, by then, the learned scientists will have produced the answer to boogey of the "rust case"—and that an automatic relieving or warning device will enable the "106" to ride evenly through any pillars of rising or descending air.

The pilot will know, too, that even if the weather is thick at the airport of destination radar and radio will bring him almost automatically onto a runway, which he may not even see until he is just about to touch down.

Do you think this still sounds like H.G. Wells or Jules Verne? Even if you do, the hard fact is that the "106" is now being

built, and that it is due to make its first flight in 1950. Already sixteen of these aircraft of the future have been ordered "off the board," and BOAC and BSAA are planning their schedules on them. British Overseas are to have eight "106's" for the North Atlantic run, and British South American have ordered six for the South Atlantic. The remaining two will do experimental work for the Ministry of Supply. The purely radar side of my picture is, of course, rapidly coming true even today—and by the time the "106" is on the air-routes (1952) the International Civil Air Organisation should have its position-fixing chains and bad weather approach aids up to a really reliable standard.

So much then for the "106," with its pressurisation, its swept-back wings. It is, admittedly an experiment, but, as the world knows, De Havilland's "experiments" have a way of coming off. I think we can assume that the Government's order for 16 of these planes was not based on mere blind faith!

And now for the rest of the British "team" for the next decade.

Biggest of the bunch, of course, is the 130-ton Bristol "Brabazon I" landplane. This, too, is an experiment, since no aircraft of such a size has been built before—but hopes are high for its success. The first one will make its maiden flight in mid-1948.

There are four of these Brabazon I's firmly ordered; the first one will have ordinary Centaurus piston engines, and the other three will have Protos gas-turbine jet-propellers, which are jet engines arranged to drive airscrews. These last three jet aircraft will be used by BOAC on the direct New York-London service and they should carry 72 berth accommodated passengers at 350 miles-an-hour at 30,000 feet.

Broadcasting recently, Leonard Brockington referred to two British industrial discoveries which may give this country a world lead. It is believed that one of these discoveries is a revolutionary building material called Pyroc.

John Brewster, the News Chronicle Architectural Correspondent, has been investigating Pyroc for the last month. When he handed in his report he attached a note to the Editor:—"My great difficulty in writing this is to avoid making it appear like an advertisement. But I have to confess it sounds like one of the most exciting building developments in a lifetime."

Pyroc has been approved by the National Physical Laboratory, and is now undergoing tests at the Building Research Station. The Journal of the Royal Institute of British Architects has assessed it. And now here is John Brewster's report on Pyroc:

Samuel Clippam, a burly capable builder with a Lancashire accent, began towards the end of the war to look for a substitute for plaster. He foregave a shortage of plaster and plasterers. He wanted a quick mechanical method of plastering a wall. But when he tried using a spray gun like those used for paint the plaster sagged and ran down the wall as though a child had thrown mud at it. One day he was offered material for a decorative wall finish. It was called vermiculite and came from South Africa. It is a mica, obtained by open-cast mining. When it is heated it expands into little leaves sixteen times its normal size. This is springy, and it can be compressed again almost to its original form. But little space remains. Still on the look-out for his plaster substitute, Clippam took a handful of the vermiculite, put it into a wet mix of cement and lime and threw it at the wall. It stuck. It did not sag. Instead it set in a thick lump. Clippam used a

These huge aircraft are, again, no mere "pipe dream," and should be on regular schedule by 1951 or 52 which is about the same time, in fact, as the "106."

Britain's other new "monster," is the Saunders Roe SR. 45 flying boat. This will be just a bit smaller than the Brab. I and will also be a jet-prop. The Ministry has now confirmed that three of these super-boats have been ordered and the first flight of the first one to be built will be in the spring of 1950. The SR. 45 will have room on her two decks for 100 night passengers, and will take them along the Empire routes at about 340 mph.

These three aircraft then—the "106," the Brab. I and the SR. 45—are the backbone of Britain's attempt to regain world leadership on the big trunk routes of the air world. They are all under construction, and all on definite order for British airlines.

Largest of the smaller fry is the Vickers "Viceroy"—with four jet-propellers and seats for 24 to 28 passengers on Continental services. This aircraft will replace the present Vikings, and a very large order is believed to be under way for them for British European Airways. The first Viceroy will fly in 1948 and so should be on the routes by 1951. Its engines will be either Armstrong "Mambas" or Rolls "Darts" according to which is ready for regular service first. So far the firm Government order is only for two.

A rival to the Viceroy, is the Armstrong "Apollo"—another 24-28 seater jet-prop which should fly in late 1948. Two have been ordered but production for private sales overseas will probably be encouraged, even if BEA should prefer the Viceroy.

These two European type jet liners complete Britain's list of airplanes of the near future which are being built on the initiative of the Government, although there is much talk of a high performance conventional Empire type land aircraft with 40 seats and four ordinary piston engines to be built as a general utility machine.

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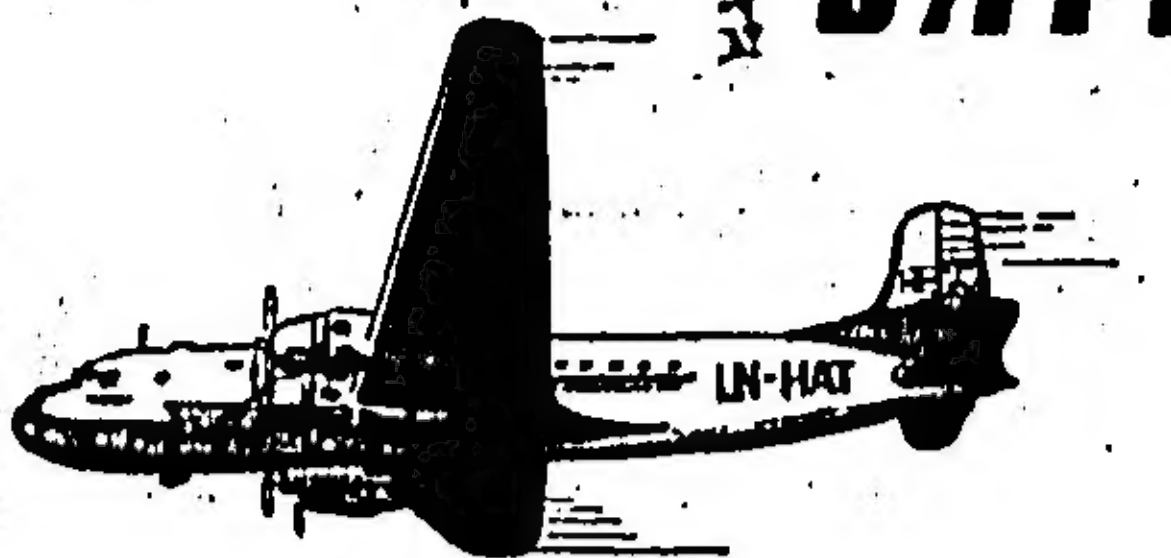
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BRITAIN AND JAP TREATY Big Power Veto Privileges Opposed Russia's Demand Opposed

London, Dec. 14.

Britain today registered firm opposition to giving the major powers veto privileges in drafting a Japanese peace treaty and rejected Russia's demand that preliminary treaty discussions be limited to the major powers.

The anti-veto stand was designed to avoid the deadlocks and delays which have blocked agreements on Germany and Austria.

In separate notes to the Chinese and Russian Governments, Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin served notice that Britain would hold out for full equal participation by all nations with "vital interests" in the Far Eastern Commission.

Mr. Bevin urged a preliminary treaty conference early next year because "an early establishment of peace and normal conditions in the Far East is of paramount importance."

Under a U.S. proposal, the participating countries would comprise those on the Far Eastern Commission—the United States, Britain, China, Russia, France, Canada, Australia, India, New Zealand, the Netherlands and the Philippines.

Bevin's Contention

Britain accepted the U.S. invitation. Russia and China made counter-proposals. Original plans to hold the meeting last autumn were deferred because of inability to reach agreement. The U.S. made clear unofficially that a peace conference will be held ultimately regardless of Russia's decision on attendance.

Mr. Bevin said in his note to Russia and China that "any procedure involving the right of the veto could only delay the conclusion of an early settlement and would conflict with the principle of equitable representation of the interests of all the principal combatants."

Britain suggested that the decision on questions of substance should be reached by a straight two-thirds vote of participating countries. China had advocated a two-thirds rule, with the stipulation that the majority must include the concurring votes of China, Russia, the U.S. and Britain.

Inappropriate

To Russia, Mr. Bevin said the Soviet suggestion for limiting preliminary Japanese discussions to the big powers was "inappropriate." He added: "His Majesty's Government consider that all these countries which are specially concerned

in the settlement with Japan, by reason not only of their contributions to the defeat of Japan, but also of the degree to which they suffered from Japanese aggression, and of their vital interests in the future peaceful development of the Pacific area, are entitled to be represented on parities principal in that settlement."

The note said that "their exclusion would prejudice the efficacy of a settlement in which they have the right to be consulted fully at every stage."—Associated Press.

BRITAIN ROUNDS THE RECOVERY CORNER

London, Dec. 14.

The Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. Herbert Morrison, praising the British people's production effort that has raised coal and steel output to record levels, said last night that Britain has rounded "recovery corner" in the battle against national bankruptcy.

"Let us look at the facts and figures and be proud of ourselves as a people," Mr. Morrison declared in a nationwide radio broadcast. His speech, entitled "The Government, the Opposition and the Nation," said that former Prime Minister Winston Churchill and his Conservative

Austerity Policy For Rank

LONDON, DEC. 14. J. ARTHUR RANK, BRITAIN'S MIGHTIEST MOVIE MOGUL, ANNOUNCED TODAY A SEMI-AUSTERITY POLICY FOR THE NEW YEAR WHICH WILL MEAN TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF SUPER-PICTURE PRODUCTION, PAY INCREASES FOR THE STARS AND MUCH LESS HIRING OF ADDITIONAL TALENT.

The new economy programme, described by the Rank organisation as "a levelling off for a while," was dictated largely officials said, by production losses of £2,000,000 which Rank suffered in the last six years.

"No attempt will be made to curtail output," one of Rank's associates said. "On the contrary, we shall make more film—but they will be less expensive. The plan simply means that for the time being we shall be making no more big spectacle or prestige films which take months and fortunes to produce."—Associated Press.

"Mad Dog Killers"

CHICAGO, DEC. 14. CHICAGO POLICE, USING MACHINE-GUNS, TODAY SHOT DOWN ONE OF THE THREE GUNMEN, WHO LAST NIGHT KILLED THREE MEN AND WOUNDED TWO OTHERS IN A SHOOTING SPREE THAT LED THE POLICE TO CALL THEM "MAD DOG KILLERS".

One of the other two gunmen was captured and the police were still hunting for the third. Four of the "killers' victims were "taken for a ride," the fifth was shot dead at a garage on Chicago's South Side where the gunmen forced their captives into a motor car in which they drove out to the western suburbs.

Two of the wounded men got away.—Reuter.

17 Dead In Rail Crash

Paris, Dec. 14. The police confirmed today that 17 bodies and 23 injured passengers have so far been recovered from the wreckage of the head-on rail crash between Fontenay and Rion, near Clermont-Ferrand, last night. A 700-ton goods train, travelling at 40 miles per hour, ran head on into a 60 miles per hour single, coach Diesel-propelled autocar, pushing it back nearly 300 yards. Sixteen bodies were taken from the front of the autocar. The goods train driver was found dead at his controls.—Reuter.

TRADE UNIONS WARNED

Nottingham, Dec. 14. Arthur Deakin, Secretary-General of the powerful Transport and General Workers' Union, tonight warned that "attempted Communist infiltration and domination" of British trade unions would be disastrous if it succeeded.

"Continual interference and launching of industrial programmes on wages and conditions by the Communist Party cannot be tolerated," Mr. Deakin said, at a meeting of the local Transport Union.

"If ever the time comes, and we must use every endeavour to ensure that it does not come, when trade union policy is dominated by instructions issued from the headquarters of the Communist Party or anywhere else, it will be disastrous."—Reuter.

GRIM FACT WE HAVE TO FACE

LONDON, DEC. 14. LORD REVERIDGE, LIBERAL PEER AND ORIGINATOR OF BRITAIN'S SOCIAL SECURITY PLAN, TODAY DESCRIBED THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT AS "ILLIBERAL"—THE STRONGEST TERM OF ABUSE THAT I CAN THINK OF.

He told members of the Council of the Liberal Party Organisation at their quarterly meeting that "people who in their domestic affairs judge lightly of human rights are dangerous to the world, because they will judge lightly also of the rights of people of other nations."

"That is the grim fact that we have got to face today," Lord Beveridge said that Britain had found herself in a position of constantly having to apologise for what she was doing in Germany and for not doing what she would like to do for fear of offending Russia.

At this moment, he said, Britain was giving up national authority all over the world but she was not substituting justice in its place. She was doing no more than retreating from untenable positions, leaving chaos behind.—Reuter.

Britain Out For Tourists

LONDON, DEC. 14. A SCHEME TO ENLIST THE AID OF THE MAN-IN-THE-STREET TO MAKE BRITAIN TOURIST-CONSCIOUS AND THUS BRING HER DOLLAR AND OTHER FOREIGN EXCHANGE UP, IS BEING DEVELOPED BY THE BRITISH TRAVEL ASSOCIATION.

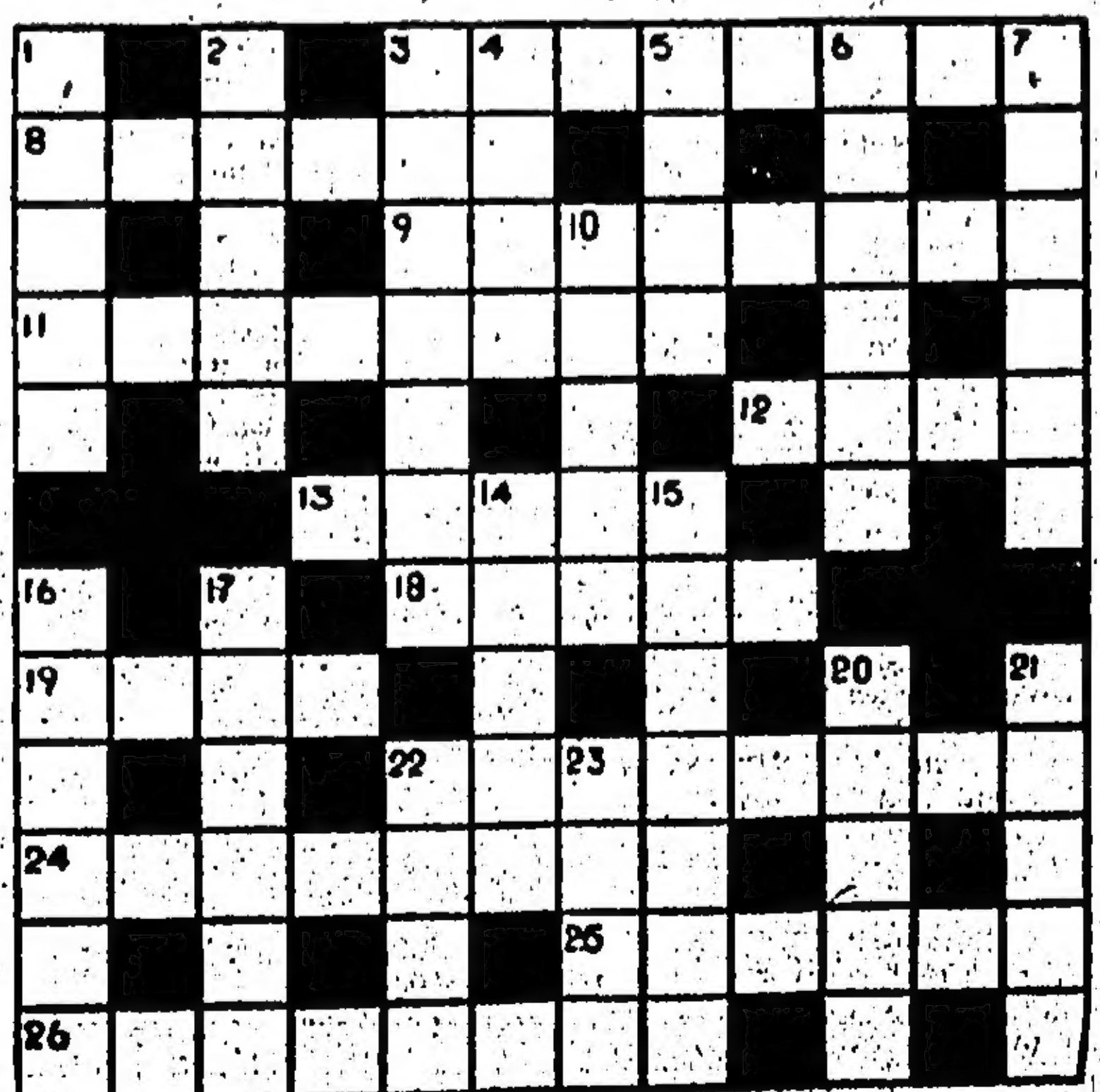
Residents of one hundred towns and cities in the country are being invited to form a local travel circle which will be affiliated to the association and to coordinate its activities within the "Come to Britain" campaign.

The travel circles will provide residents with a platform for discussions of ideas to make their town or city of particular tourist appeal. The discussions will cover a variety of subjects such as local amenities, accommodation, information services, reception and entertainment.—Reuter.

Singapore Gun Duel

Singapore, Dec. 14. One Chinese gunman was shot dead, another wounded and two more taken prisoner, when a saloon car in which they were believed to be travelling to stage a holdup, was ambushed by the police last night in Orchard Road, one of Singapore's main thoroughfares. The car was riddled with bullets in the gun duel but the Chinese informer travelling in the rear seat with two of the gangsters escaped with a slight bullet wound in the mouth. An Assistant Police Superintendent was slightly wounded.—Reuter.

A BRITISH CROSS WORD PUZZLE



Clues Across

1 Sensational. 8 Golf-club carrier. 9 Soft drink. 11 Bullfighter. 12 Successor. 13 Exclude. 15 Ventured. 19 Soon. 22 Acquired temporarily. 24 Carry on. 25 Retinue. 26 Without pity.

Saturday's Crossword

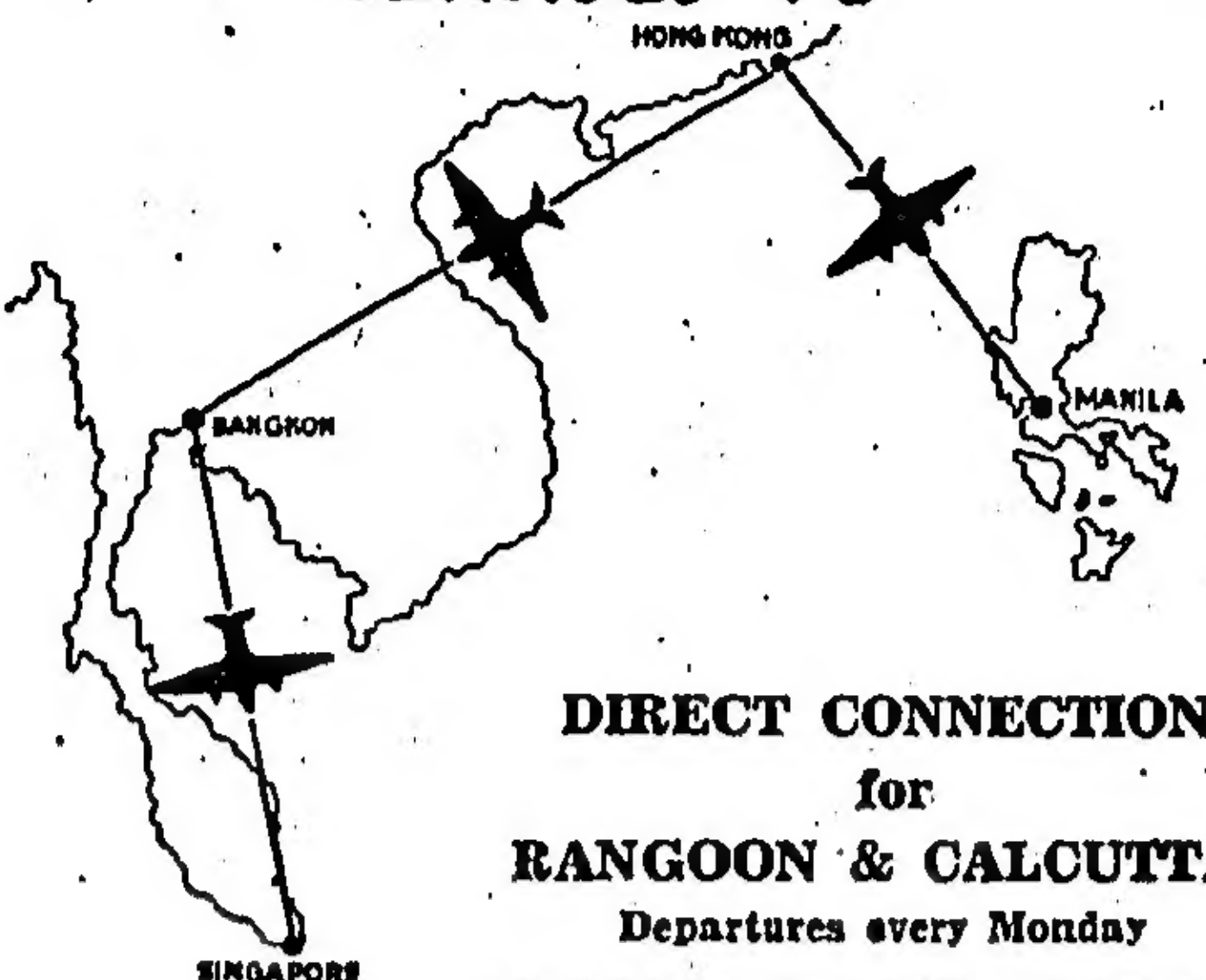
Across—1 Proposer. 7 Prior. 8 Epitaph. 10 Later. 13 Covered. 15 Ship. 17 Perpetual. 18 Plotted. 20 Reap. 21 Rupture. 19 Crests. 27 Confert. 28 Dogma. 29 Schedule. Down—1 Split. 2 Vista. 3 Preen.

Clues Down

1 Sharp. 2 Worship. 3 Expanded. 4 Marsh plant. 5 Tie up. 6 Merchant. 7 Foul. 10 Tooth. 14 Nobleman. 15 Put down. 16 Native seaman. 17 Wind instrument. 20 Faint. 21 Revise. 22 Beat. 23 Regret.

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"STRAAT SOENDA" South America, 14th Jan. 1948 South Africa, 2nd Feb. 1948.

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"MOLENKERK" Due from Europe end of January. Loading for Manila/Singapore/Colombo/Port Said/Halfa/Genoa/Marseilles/Antwerp/Rotterdam/Amsterdam/Hamburg/Copenhagen/Göteborg/Oslo, beginning of February 1948.

"ALPHERAT" In Port. Loading for Manila/Singapore/Colombo/Port Said/Halfa/Genoa/Marseilles/Antwerp/Rotterdam/Amsterdam/Hamburg/Copenhagen/Göteborg/Oslo, beginning of February 1948.

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N.Y. Stock Market

New York Dec. 14. The stock market finished its best recovery week since last July with fractions to a point of more on the fastest Saturday dealings in about seven months.

Buying was credited to belief that dwindling of year-end tax selling would be followed by large scale re-investment demand. Transfers were 560,000 shares.

Gainers included Pacific Western Oil, Mission Corporation, American Woolen, Fullinsbee Steel, Nickel Plate, Railway, Cerro de Pasco.

Losses Jones Average Stocks 48.27, 10 Industrials 12.84, 15 Rails 48.02, 10 Utilities 54.08.

Closing quotations—Adams Express 17 1/2, Alaska Juneau 3 1/2, American Can 40 1/2, American Sugar 58 1/2, American Telephone 16 1/2, American Toluene 67 1/2, American Waterworks 16 1/2, Amstar 24 1/2, Aviation Corp. 5, Baldwin Locomotive 16 1/2, Bethlehem Steel 37 1/2, Boeing Aircraft 22 1/2, Borden Co. 42, Canadian Pacific 10 1/2, J. I. Case 42 1/2, Chrysler 33, Colgate 43 1/2, Commercial Solvent 22 1/2, Cohn Products 65, Dupont 140 1/2, Eastman Kodak 41 1/2, Electric Light & Power 17 1/2, General Electric 35, General Motors 37 1/2, Goodrich 37 1/2, Goodyear 43 1/2, Greyhound 11 1/2, Hummer 35, International Harvester 37 1/2, International Paper 35, International Tel. & Tel. 12 1/2, Johns Manville 10 1/2, Kennecott Copper 46, Montgomery Ward 24 1/2, National Distillers 21, National Lead 23 1/2, New York Central 13 1/2, Puckett Motors 4 1/2, Pan American Airways 37 1/2, Pennsylvania RR 16 1/2, Radio Corp. 17 1/2, Real Silk 13, Republic Steel 26 1/2, Reynolds Tobacco 40 1/2, Schenley 22 1/2, Sears Roebuck 37 1/2, Shell Oil 32, Suncor Vacuum 16 1/2, Southern Pacific 46 1/2, Standard Brands 25 1/2, Standard Oil of Calif. 60 1/2, Standard Oil of N. J. 76 1/2, Standard Oil of Ind. 71 1/2, Union Carbide 20 1/2, US Rubber 41, US Steel 70 1/2, US Lines 20 1/2, Westinghouse 28 1/2, Youngtown Sheet & Tube 76 1/2, Gen. Pub. Utilities 12 1/2.—Associated Press.

MALAYAN TRADE WITH GERMANY

Singapore, Dec. 14. Trade between Malaya and Germany nearly doubled in October, according to figures released today.

Exports rose from Straits 1,207,302 in September to Straits 2,356, 826 in October. Rubber exports were the chief item.—Associated Press.

BOMBAY SILVER & GOLD

Bombay, Dec. 14. Silver Ready, per 100 tolas 169 rupees, 66 annas; Forward 169 rupees, 12 annas; Marwar (unofficial) 170 rupees, 12 annas.

Gold, delivered per tola 106 rupees; Forward 106; 106 Sovereigns unquoted. One tola is equal to 1/16 of an ounce.—Reuters.

Washington, Dec. 14. An emergency foreign aid bill carrying the full US\$597,000,000 asked by the Administration and including aid for China, was agreed to yesterday by a Senate-House conference committee.

Chairman Arthur Vandenberg, Republican of Michigan, of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said the compromise aid authorization measure will be brought up for action in the Senate on Monday with possible House approval the same day.

The Senate had voted to authorize the full US\$597,000,000 asked by President Truman for France, Italy and Austria only.

The House trimmed this total by US\$7,000,000 and stipulated

that US\$500,000,000 of the US\$590,000,000 authorized should go to China.

Besides reconciling differences in money totals and inclusion of China, the joint committee had to iron out agreements on several amendments, most of them inserted by the House.

Vandenberg said Senators agreed to the inclusion of China, as called for by the House bill, after lengthy discussion.

The amounts that any of the four countries actually will receive will be determined later by an appropriation bill.

Vandenberg told reporters that "whatever China gets will have to come off the others"—France, Italy, Austria.

Nothing in the authorization bill specifically for Western European relief but that because the House has "opened the door it would be unconscionable to slam it shut."—Associated Press.

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Exchange Rates Forecast

London, Dec. 14. An adjustment in international exchange rates with a simultaneous increase in gold prices was predicted by Mr. E. C. Theodore, leading Australian financier, and former Treasurer of the Commonwealth (Finance Minister).

Mr. Theodore said that the dollar crisis was caused by the war damage to countries suffering from serious manpower shortages in their heavy industries and shortages of plant and equipment for reestablishing production.

Because of these factors, enormous demands were made on the United States for equipment and materials resulting in a serious drain on dollar credits, which in turn led to drastic restrictions on dollar purchases by Britain and other countries.

He expressed the opinion that gold mines with only low grade ore are doomed to early extinction unless there is an increase in gold price, at least commensurate with increased costs.—Reuters.

ALEXANDRIA BULLION. Gold, per "dram" 176 piastres. Egyptian pound 510 piastres. Silver, per 1000 piastres. Silver, per 1000 piastres. Silver, per 1000 piastres.

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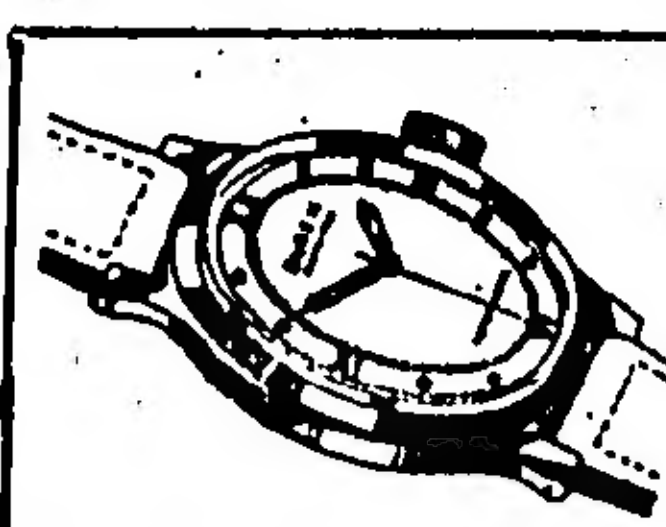
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RESULTS AT A GLANCE

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| FIRST DIVISION | | |
| K. Motor Bus | 4 | Police |
| 25th R.A. | 0 | St. Joseph's |
| Sing Tao | 5 | Innisks |
| SECOND DIVISION "A" | | |
| Police | 2 | K. Motor Bus |
| Tai Koo | 1 | St. Joseph's |
| SECOND DIVISION "B" | | |
| Signals | 12 | Electric |
| R.A.M.C. | 5 | C. Cadre |
| Club | 4 | R.A.S.C. |
| South China | 2 | R.A. |

The Omars Set A Bowls Record

By annexing the Colony's Triples Championship at Cox's Path yesterday, the Omar brothers created an all-time record for the Craigen-gower Cricket Club in local lawn bowls history.

The ball was set rolling on Sept. 6 when the Club's rivals won the knockout Championship.

Joe Landolt and U. M. & A. M. Omar followed this up on Nov. 1 when, at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club, they ran off with the Open Singles and Open Pairs, respectively.

Will the Colony's champion pair perform the hat trick for themselves by winning the Open Rink?

According to yesterday's play, A. M. should be more than a match for Shields, while U. M. has the decided edge on Alf. Hall, when the Omar risk clashes with Hall's rink in the Semi-Finals on Saturday.

Jack McKelvie's men gave a very poor exhibition yesterday, and their defeat of 24 shots (31-7) came as a surprise to even those who fully expected them to lose.

The three Omars played a brilliant game. A. M. was in excellent form and so was U. M.

St. Josephs, K.M.B. Register Wins

Strengthened by the inclusion of Chui Wing-keung and Tse Kam-ho, of Eastern, Sing Tao yesterday had to fight every inch against Inniskillings in their First Division game at the Valley. They just managed to scrape through by five goals to four.

At Sookunpoo a weak St. Joseph's side accounted for 25th Royal Artillery by winning by six clear goals. At Boundary Road, Kowloon Motor Bus beat Police by 4 goals to 1.

RESULTS

Sing Tao — Inniskillings

In a fast and thrilling game on the Club Ground at Happy Valley, Sing Tao, reinforced by Chui Wing-keung and Tse Kam-ho, fought every inch against Inniskillings by 5 goals to 4, after being held to a two all draw at the interval.

Innisks put up a great fight and if their forwards had only displayed a little more understanding and steadiness when in front of goal, the result would undoubtedly have been different.

Sing Tao did not give a very impressive display, their defence being somewhat slow.

Innisks assumed the offensive from the start and the Sing Tao goal had a narrow escape when Hunter centred beautifully, but the ball was missed by the inside men as it went across the goalmouth.

Ten minutes after the start, Fung King-keung opened the scoring with a fine cross shot from outside the penalty area. In the next minute, Chui Wing-keung put Sing Tao further ahead as he dashed through to send the ball crashing to the top of the net from close range. Inniskillings attacked strongly after this reverse and before half time had levelled the scores through Burns and Kiernan.

On resumption, Sing Tao attacked desperately and the Inniskillings defence was given a grueling time as shots were sent in from all directions.

Three more goals were scored

Ly Chu Wing-keung for Sing Tao, with Leyen and McDougall replying for Inniskillings.

Full time came with Inniskillings still striving to gain the equalizer.

St. Joseph's — R.A.

A weak St. Joseph's team trounced 25th Royal Artillery at Sookunpoo, winning by six clear goals.

St. Joseph's fielded a number of reserves and all played well while D. Leonard, who is rarely seen with the Saints Senior team, led the attack in great style and registered a "hat-trick."

The Gunners could not hold the speedy forwards of the Saints and M. Xavier and Omar on the wings gave the defence a grueling time.

After the early set back the Gunners could not settle down and were put off by the speedy Saints forwards and the hard tackling of the defence.

M. Xavier opened the scoring for the Saints early in the game when he broke through on the right wing and beat Wylie from close in.

A few minutes later Leonard scored from a pass from Pereira, and before the interval the game player added another.

The second half was evenly contested. Most of the danger: the Gunners' defence came from Omar and Pereira. Pereira scored the fourth goal when he shot from close in and shortly after Leonard registered his hat-trick.

The last goal of the match was scored by M. Xavier, who headed in from a rebound from the cross bar following a centre by Omar.

St. Joseph's: McDougall; Burns and Kiernan; R. A. M. Omar, M. Xavier, Pereira, Leonard, Gomes and Omar.

R.A.: Wylie; Sherriner and Craighall; Hanworth, Scott and Nassau; Dennis, Shaw, Russell, Rice and Bellman.

Club — R.A.S.C.

Playing at home, Club beat R.A.S.C. by 4 goals to 3 in a surprisingly well contested game, with both sides serving up a fine brand of football.

The score was two all at half time, the goal scorers being Giffney and Gardner for Club, and Foyce and Gardner for R.A.S.C. one from a penalty for hands.

In the second half, Gardner and Barker added further goals for Club, with Orr replying for R.A.S.C.

Club: Giffney, Taylor, Strang, Hamley, Beck, Kennard, Levy, Urquhart, Gardner, Gaffney and Barker.

R.A.S.C.: McGinnis, Hale, Hargreaves, Brown, Kirkup, Foyce, Rowe, George, Francis, Bailey and Orr.

St. Josephs — Tailkoo

A strongly reinforced St. Joseph's team beat Tailkoo in the Second Division by six goals to one at the Valley.

St. Joseph's had several of their last year's First Division team, including T. Castilho, R. Rocha, C. Santos and these greatly assisted the Saints.

The goal scorers were: C. Santos, (2), R.R. Ocha, (2), A. Santos and A. Xavier. The Tailkoo's only goal was scored by Lai Kai-wing.

PARCELS FOR BRITAIN

To help the Parcels for Britain Fund a special screening of the film "Colonel Blimp" is scheduled to take place in the Theatre of the China Fleet Club on Wednesday, Dec. 17 at 8 p.m. The film has been kindly loaned by Messrs Eagle-Lion Distributors.

Tickets are available at \$5 and \$3 and are on sale at Messrs S. Moutrie & Co.

FOKIS CLASH OVER PIG'S BLOOD

An argument among the Fokis at the Slaughter House at Kowloon, over the rights of possession of a piece of pig's blood, yesterday threatened to develop into a nasty situation.

The matter was, however, soon settled when the Emergency Unit arrived after receiving telephone call from the Sanitary Inspector in charge.

Inspector in charge.

U.S. Produces New Super - Swimmer

Lafayette (Indiana), Dec. 14. The Purdue University athletic department credited Keith Carter, sophomore tank star, with being the first human being to swim the 100 yard breast stroke in less than one minute.

Carter was timed at 59.4 seconds for the distance in the annual Purdue aquacade.

The recognised world record is 1.00.0, set by R.R. Hough of Princeton in 1939.

The Purdue sophomore was timed at 1:05.9 for 100 meters, compared with Hough's world record of 1:07.3.

He swam the 110-yard free style in 57.5 seconds, compared with Johnny Weissmuller's accepted American record of 58.4 seconds set 25 years ago.—Associated Press.

HOME FOOTBALL: Arsenal Come Back With A Rush

After scraping around for several weeks for an odd goal here and there, Arsenal, leading the First Division of the English Football League, came back with a rush today by scoring four goals without reply in their game against Grimsby Town, bottom Club of the League.

Meantime, Arsenal's nearest challengers, Burnley and Preston North End, also chalked up wing in matches away from home territory.

Burnley scored a narrow win at Huddersfield 1-0 and Preston won a grim game against Blackpool by the same margin.

Two surprises in First Division soccer were the away wins of Charlton and Liverpool. Charlton's defence has conceded a crop of goals recently but against Sunderland it was very firm and the London team earned its 1-0 win. Liverpool travelled to Wolverhampton and defeated the Wolves 2-0.

Brum Surprise

Chelsea beat Portsmouth 1-0 in a morning game devoid of good football. Everton beat Bolton 2-0 and Manchester City defeated Sheffield United 4-3. Derby drew with Stoke 1-1.

In one of the keenest matches of the day, Aston Villa drew 1-1 with Middlesbrough.

Leaders of the Second Division, Birmingham, travelled to London and upset one of the capital's brightest promotion hopes, Tottenham Hotspur, 2-1.

HOW THEY STAND

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| Blackpool | 21 | 10 | 4 | 7 | 29 | 29 | 34 |
| Middlesbrough | 20 | 10 | 4 | 6 | 24 | 34 | 34 |
| Derby | 21 | 8 | 6 | 6 | 24 | 27 | 30 |
| Man. City | 21 | 8 | 6 | 7 | 32 | 24 | 30 |
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| Sheffield U. | 21 | 8 | 4 | 9 | 32 | 40 | 28 |
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| Accrington | 20 | 12 | 1 | 7 | 34 | 25 |
| Barrow | 19 | 9 | 5 | 5 | 26 | 23 |
| Carlisle | 19 | 9 | 4 | 6 | 45 | 22 |
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| York | 18 | 6 | 4 | 8 | 23 | 16 |
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| Southport | 19 | 7 | 5 | 7 | 25 | 16 |
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DIVISION III (SOUTH)

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